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**To:** All Providers  
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**From:** James C. Wilson, Assistant Secretary  
Medical Assistance Administration

**Subject:** New Family Planning Program called “TAKE CHARGE”

**Effective July 1, 2001,** the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is implementing a new family planning program called TAKE CHARGE.

## **What is TAKE CHARGE?**

TAKE CHARGE is a federally funded demonstration waiver that will provide pre-pregnancy services for persons (both men and women) who:

- Are in need of and seeking family planning services;
- Are residents of Washington state;
- Have incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- Are not current MAA clients (exception: Medically Indigent [MI] clients are eligible for TAKE CHARGE); and
- Would be eligible for Medicaid on the basis of citizenship or alien status.



**Note:** The TAKE CHARGE program covers only family planning services provided by a TAKE CHARGE family planning provider.

To apply for this program, a client must contact an approved TAKE CHARGE family planning provider. You may obtain a list of these providers by calling the hotline number at 1-800-770-4334 or by accessing MAA’s web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (*Family Planning link*).

## **How does this program affect you, the provider?**

You must be approved by MAA as a TAKE CHARGE family planning provider, in order to receive reimbursement for services provided to a TAKE CHARGE client, unless you are a pharmacist, laboratory, or ancillary service provider.

To become a TAKE CHARGE provider, you must first be a Medicaid family planning provider. You can apply to become a Medicaid family planning provider by contacting the Provider Enrollment Unit at 1-866-545-0544.

## **How can I tell if a client is eligible for TAKE CHARGE?**

- The client's Medical Assistance IDentification (MAID) card will have the "TAKE CHARGE" identifier on it.
- The client will be identified in any Medical Eligibility Verification (MEV) system as TAKE CHARGE Family Planning.

Attached are replacement pages A.11-A.14, A.19/A.20, D.1/D.2, and E.5/E.6 for MAA's General Information Booklet, dated September 2000.

If you have questions, you may contact the TAKE CHARGE program manager, Beth Brenner, by phone at (360) 725-1652 or e-mail at [Brennbl@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Brennbl@dshs.wa.gov).

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